Posting of army at Sikkim's Remtek monastery

@@@4443. SHRI NYODEK LONGGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the army was posted at Sikkim's Rumtek Monastery on the night of June 12, 1992;

(b) if so, whether it was done on the request of the Government of Sikkim; and

(c) if not, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) On a report of threat to the life of a Lama. Army protection was provided in the early hours of 12 June, 1992.

(b) and (c) Because of the nature of the threat and the time of the night when the request was received, the normal process of consultation with the State Government could not take place. However, the State Government were duly apprised on 12 June, 1992 and army security was withdrawn on the same night in consultation with the State Government.

Payments for vehicles hired by the Delhi Police

4444. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 410 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th September, 91 and state:

(a) what are the names of the vehicle owners with DDR Numbers, whose vehicles were hired by the Delhi Police from Munirka, New Delhi, Sector-VI-VII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi during the Delhi Bandh in October, 1990 and for election purposes from 19th to 24th May, 1991;

(b) what are the particulars of 14 cases above together with their names and whether payment has been made to all of them;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and by when these payments are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether it is a fact that police officer of the above police station took the vehicles for their personal use without making any payment therefor; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Police have reported that no vehicles with DDR Numbers was hired by them. However, 7 tempos and 14 private vehicles with other registration number were hired in the month of October, 1990 for arrangements during bandh and election duties from 18 to 25 May, respectively.

(b) The requisite information is given in enclosed statement. (*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 73)

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Payment to the widows of ITBP personnel

4445. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 400/- p.m. instead of Rs. 500/- was being given to the widows of ITBP personnel and that too is not being paid from February, 1992, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any provision in the ITBP to provide employment to the kin of deceased personnel, if so, the details thereof; and

@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 3544, transferred from the 10th August, 1992.

(c) whether the provision of ex-gratia payment is there in the ITBP as is in the case of other police forces, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Under the Central Benevolent (Risk Premium) Fund of the ITBP, widows/next of kin of deceased ITBP employees are paid at the rate of Rs. 400/- p.m. with effect from 7-1-87. The widows/next of kin of ITBP employees who died after 1-1-90 are paid at the rate of Rs. 500/- p.m. Payments to widows are withheld in those cases in which certificates to the effect that they are alive and that they are not married again have not been received.

(b) Cases of appointment on compassionate grounds in respect of kins of deceased ITBP employees are considered in accordance with the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training of the Government of India in this regard.

(c) Provision of ex-gratia payment is available in the ITBP.

Delay in clearing of Financial Claims of Ex-CISF Staff

4446. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending with Government with regard to retirement benefits, compensation and other financial claims by ex-CISF staff;

(b) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the claims or clearing the claims after sanctioning; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to expedite the processing of all pending cases of ex-CISF staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) 157 cases are pending.

(b) The main reasons for dealy in finalisation of pension claims are non-receipt of relevant documents from the pensioners, non-completion of service documents and verification of service, refixation of pay in the revised pay scales, delay in verification of Army service prior to civil employment, non-availability of various nominations and pendency of disciplinary and vigilance proceedings.

(c) Instructions have been issued to take necessary action to clear the pending financial claims of ex-CISF personnel expeditiously.

Cases regarding freedom fighters' pension received from Assam

4447. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions pending with Government for freedom fighters' pension received from Assam;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearing these petitions; and

(c) by when Government are likely to clear these petitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) All applications received from Assam upto the prescribed date (31-3-82) were considered and decisions communicated to the applicants. However, where applicants, whose claims had not been accepted, furnish additional evidence, the case is reviewed. This is a continuing process.

Expenditure by the Ministers

4448. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: